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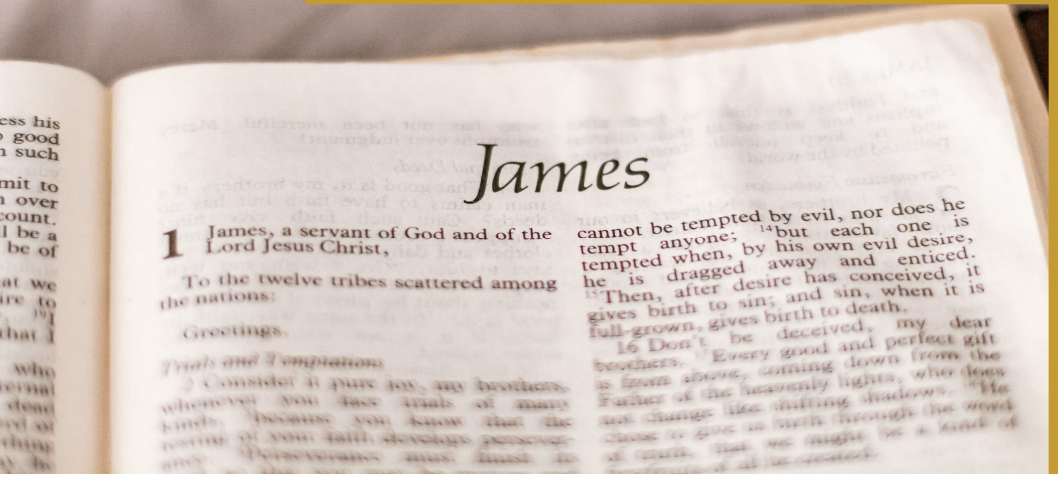
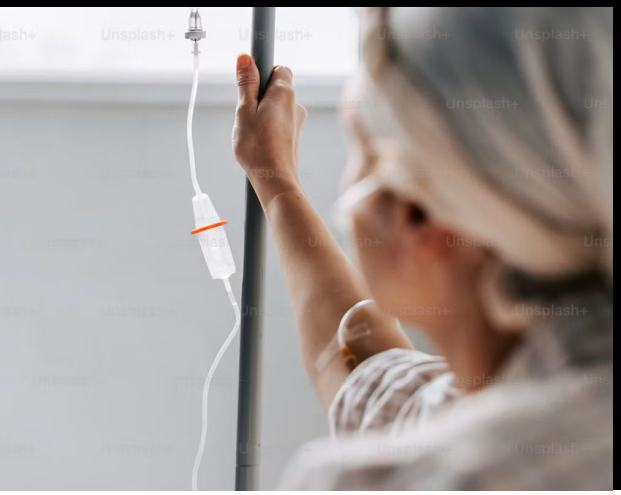
Producing a LIVING FAITH





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Being "slow to speak"

(James 5:13-18)

"The Restoration of the Believer"

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- For the suffering one v. 13a
  - "let him pray"
  - Suffering trials of poverty, disunity, worldliness, persecution…

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- For the suffering one v. 13a
- For the cheered one v. 13b
  - "is anyone cheerful"
  - Def. to be of good cheer as a result of being encouraged.
  - "Let him sing psalms."

1- The process of restoration vv. 13-15 –

- For the suffering one v. 13a
- For the cheered one v. 13b
- For the “sick” one v. 14a

What does "sick" mean in this context?

- The meaning of "sick"
  - ἀσθενεῖ
    1) to suffer a debilitating illness, be sick
    2) to experience some personal incapacity or limitation, be weak (BDAG)

  - Both senses are widely used in the NT.
  - Context suggests: an individual who despite prayer cannot get back onto their feet. (experience restoration)

What does “sick” mean in this context?

- The reason for “sick” believers:
  - Lacking knowledge. Cf. 1:21
  - Doesn’t know how to pray.
  - Hearer and not doer.
  - Hearer and doubter. Cf. 1:5-8
  - Too much world not enough Word!

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- The prescription for the “sick” believer:
  - “call for the elders” v. 14b
  - “let THEM pray over him” v. 14c
  - “anointing him with oil” v. 14d
  - “in the name of the LORD” v. 14d

What does “sick” mean in this context?

- The result of the restoration procedure:
  - “the prayer of faith will save the sick” v. 15a
  - “the Lord will raise him up” v. 15b (cf. 4:10)
  - “if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven”

1- The process of restoration vv. 13-15 –

- Summary:

- The “sick” (without strength) Christian is the one that is double-minded and therefore unstable or without strength in their life and therefore they need to rely upon a mature Christian (elders of the church) cf. Gal. 6:1-2

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- Confession

- "Confess your trespasses to one another" v. 16a
- Specifically, if they were the ones wronged.

2- The power of restoration vv. 15-16 –

- Confession
- Prayer
  - "of faith"
  - Promotes unity (intercession)
  - "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (lit. "The righteous one's prayer is effective")

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- The example of Elijah v. 17
  - "a man with a nature like ours" v. 17a
  - "he prayed earnestly… not rain v. 17b
  - "did NOT rain…" v. 17c (1 Kings 17:1-7)
  - "prayed again" v. 18a
  - "heaven gave rain… earth produced its fruit" v. 18b (cf. 1 Kings 18:1, 41-45)

Application/Summary:

1) What is right

2) What is wrong

3) How to get right

4) How to stay right

Application/Summary:

- If you are suffering hardship of any kind, you are to pray to God (He spoke to us in His Word Prayer is us speaking back to Him in belief of His Word)

Application/Summary:

- If you are encouraged from praying, you are to sing out and declare the goodness of God

Application/Summary:

- If you are without spiritual strength or ability or are sick due to sin. You are to call for the elders of the church to come and pray for you… (Doing so is a humble act) and the prayer of faith will deliver the one without strength…

  (God will lift them up cf. 4:11)

Application/Summary:

- When the righteous one (in fellowship) prays, it accomplishes great things.

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